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1. SUMMARY. WG CONSIDERED POWERS AND FUNCTIONS COUNCIL DEALING WITH BUDGET, SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS, SAFEGUARDING MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS. MOST OF WG'S TIME WAS SPENT DRAFTING ANALOGS TO POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY.

2. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS. FRANCE URGED COUNCIL RETAIN SOME POWER OVER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS. US REP SAID US PROPOSAL IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE INCLUDED AMONG POWERS OF COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH ADOPTION OF RULES, STANDARDS AND PRACTICES.

3. SUSPENSION. SPAIN PROPOSED NEW TEXT IN WHICH COUNCIL WOULD RECOMMEND TO ASSEMBLY SUSPENSION OF STATE PARTY FROM EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHTS AS MEMBER OF AUTHORITY.

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US REP PROPOSED NEW TEXT BASED ON ART 58 DRAFT US

SEABEDS TREATY. US REP NOTED HE WOULD HAVE FURTHER RELATED PROPOSALS WHEN WG TOOK UP ISSUE OF TRIBUNAL.

4. SAFEGUARDING MARINE ENVIRONMENT. US REP SAID TEXT DEALING WITH PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION AND MAINTENANCE ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY WOULD BE INTRODUCED WITH US PROPOSALS FOR RULES, STANDARDS AND PRACTICES SECTION. US REP ASKED PROVISIONS ON POWER OF COUNCIL TO ISSUE EMERGENCY ORDERS AND ESTABLISH EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND, BOTH OF WHICH WERE DRAWN FROM US DRAFT TREATY, BE RETAINED. IN REGARD TO POWER TO ASSURE EMERGENCY ORDERS, CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF THIS FUNCTION WAS GIVEN TO OPERATIONS COMMISSION AND US AGREED OPERATIONS COMMISSION MIGHT BE ABLE ACT MORE PROMPTLY. USSR COMPLAINED ABOUT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND BECAUSE OF PROBLEM OF FINANCING. GHANA AND SEVERAL OTHER DELS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ONLY ASSEMBLY SHOULD ESTABLISH EMERGENCY FUND. ALGERIA POINTED OUT THIS MIGHT MEAN FUND COULD NOT BE PUT TO USE BECAUSE OF FACT ASSEMBLY WILL MEET ONLY ONCE A YEAR OR TWO.

5. SHARING OF BENEFITS. US REP PROPOSED FOLLOWING TEXT AS FUNCTION OF COUNCIL: "SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO ASSEMBLY FOR CHANGES IN ALLOCATION OF NET INCOME OF AUTHORITY WITHIN LIMITS PRESCRIBED IN APPENDIX BLANK." USSR REP PROPOSED FOLLOWING TEXT: " CARRY OUT EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS DERIVED FROM AREA AND ITS RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE BLANK." MALTA PROPOSED FOLLOWING: "SUBMIT TO ASSEMBLY WITH ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN BLANK OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION, PRECISE CRITERIA AND RULES CONCERNING EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS DERIVED." MALTA ALSO PROPOSED COUNCIL PERIODICALLY REVIEW SUCH CRITERIA. UK STRESSED IN ITS VIEW CRITERIA FOR BENEFIT SHARING MUST BE IN TREATY ITSELF AND RECALLED UK FAVORS ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRIBUTION AGENCY. HE PROPOSED ALL FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL IN THIS REGARD BE ELIMINATED.BASSIN

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